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 SUBJECT: NEW ZIMBABWEAN CABINET ASSEMBLED

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¶1. (SBU) The newly-constituted Zimbabwean Cabinet is comprised of 42 members, consisting of six principals (the president, the prime minister, two vice presidents, and two deputy prime ministers) and 36 Cabinet-level ministers. There are an additional five ministers of state who are not members of Cabinet. Twenty deputy ministerial positions have also been allocated, with ZANU-PF receiving 10, MDC-T nine, and MDC-M one. The incarcerated deputy minister of Agriculture, Roy Bennett, is the only ministerial level official not yet sworn into office (Ref).

¶2. (SBU) The ministerial nominations represented approximately a 33 percent expansion from the totals agreed upon in the Interparty Political Agreement (IPA) signed last September. The IPA and Amendment 19 stipulated a total of 31 ministers and 15 deputy ministers, while the final tally is 41 ministers and 20 deputy ministers. Most significantly, the increase in ministers has given ZANU-PF the majority of votes in Cabinet, although according to the IPA and Amendment 19 all decisions have to be made in consensus.

¶3. (U) The table below groups the two MDC formations together, includes the six principals, and compares the allocation of positions in the IPA with the current situation:

	IPA ZANU-PF	IPA MDC	ACTUAL ZANU-PF	ACTUAL MDC
Principals	3	3	3	3
Cabinet Ministers	15	16	19	17
CABINET TOTAL	18	19	22	20
Non-Cabinet Ministers	0	0	3	2
GRAND TOTAL	18	19	25	22

In comparison, the 2005 Cabinet had 30 ministries and ministers.

¶4. (SBU) The expansion of the cabinet from the numbers contemplated by the IPA and stipulated in Amendment 19 was a decision of the principals--ZANU-PF head Robert Mugabe, and MDC leaders Morgan Tsvangirai and Arthur Mutambara. Mugabe was the prime mover as ZANU-PF lost cabinet positions as a result of the inclusive government, and he tried to find positions for ZANU-PF loyalists. Nevertheless, Tsvangirai and Mutambara went along in an effort to find positions for some of their people as well. Widely and justifiably being criticized as bloated by political analysts and the independent press, the Cabinet will require badly needed resources to pay salaries and buy emoluments of office such as luxury cars. And potential donors will know a portion of assistance will be used for unnecessary government officials.

¶5. (U) The following is a list of senior Zimbabwean officials which indicates their government position, party affiliation, province of origin and ethnicity. Post will provide greater analysis of the Cabinet septel.

President, HE Robert Mugabe (ZANU-PF), Mashonaland West Province, Zvimba District, Shona ethnicity

Vice President, Hon Joseph Msika (ZANU-PF), Mashonaland Central Province, Mt. Darwin District, Shona ethnicity
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Vice President, Hon Joyce Mujuru (ZANU-PF), Mashonaland Central Province, Mt. Darwin District, Shona ethnicity

Prime Minister, Hon Morgan Tsvangirai (MDC-T), Masvingo Province, Gutu District, Shona ethnicity

Deputy Pime Minister, Hon Prof. Arthur Mutambara (MDC-M), Manicaland Province, Chimanimani District, Shona ethnicity

Deputy Prime Minister, Hon Thokozani Khupe (MDC-T), Bulawayo Province, Ndebele ethnicity

Minister of Agriculture, Mechanisation and Irrigation Development, Hon Joseph Made (ZANU-PF), Manicaland Province, Makoni District, Shona ethnicity

Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Mechanisation and Irrigation Development, Mr. Roy Bennett (not yet swoQ in) (MDC-T), Manicaland Province, Chimanimani District, Caucasian ethnicity

Minister of Constitutional and Parliamentary Affairs, Hon Adv. Eric Matinenga (MDC-T), Manicaland Province, Buhera District, Shona ethnicity

Minister of Defense, Hon Emmerson Mnangagwa (ZANU-PF), Midlands Province, Chirumhanzu District, Shona ethnicity

Minister of Economic Planning and Investment Promotion, Hon Elton Mangoma (MDC-T), Manicaland Province, Makoni District, Shona ethnicity

Deputy Minister of Economic Planning and Investment Promotion, Hon Samuel Undenge (ZANU-PF), Manicaland Province, Chimanimani District, Shona ethnicity

Minister of Education, Sport, Art and Culture, Hon David Coltart (MDC-M), Bulawayo Province, Caucasian ethnicity

Deputy Minister of Education, Sport, Art and Culture, Hon Lazarus Dokora (ZANU-PF), Mashonaland Central Province, Rushinga District, Shona ethnicity

Minister of Energy and Power Development, Hon Elias Mudzuri

(MDC-T), Harare Province, Shona ethnicity

Deputy Minister of Energy and Power Development, Hon Hubert Nyanhongo (ZANU-PF), Harare Province, Shona ethnicity

Minister of Enterprises and Parastatals, Hon Joel Gabbuza (MDC-T), Matabeleland North Province, Binga District, Ndebele ethnicity

Deputy Minister of Enterprises and Parastatals, Hon Walter Chidhakwa (ZANU-PF), Mashonaland West Province, Zvimba District, Shona ethnicity

Minister of Environment and Natural Resources Management, Hon Francis Nhema (ZANU-PF), Midlands Province, Shurugwi District, Shona ethnicity

Minister of Finance, Hon Tendai Biti (MDC-T), Harare Province, Shona ethnicity

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hon Dr. Simbarashe Mumbengegwi (ZANU-PF), Midlands Province, Shurugwi-Zvishawane District, Shona ethnicity

Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hon Moses Mzila Ndlovu (MDC-M), Matabeleland South Province, Bulilimamangwe District, Ndebele ethnicity

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Minister of Health and Child Welfare, Hon Dr. Henry Madzorera, (MDC-T), Midlands Province, Kwekwe District, Shona ethnicity

Deputy Minister of Health and Child Welfare, Hon Douglas Mombeshora (ZANU-PF), Mashonaland West Province, Makonde District, Shona ethnicity

Minister of Higher and Tertiary Education, Hon. Dr. Stan Mudenge (ZANU-PF), Midlands Province, Masvingo District, Shona ethnicity

Deputy Minister of Higher and Tertiary Education, Hon Lutho Addington Tapela (MDC-M), Matabeleland South Province, Bulilimamangwe District, Ndebele ethnicity

Minister of Home Affairs (Co-shared), Hon Kembo Mohadi (ZANU-PF), Matabeleland South Province, Beitbridge, Ndebele ethnicity; and Hon Giles Mutsekwa (MDC-T), Manicaland Province, Mutare District, Shona ethnicity

Minister of Housing and Social Amenities, Hon Fidelis Mhashu (MDC-T), Harare Province, Shona ethnicity

Minister of Information Communication Technology, Hon Nelson Chamisa (MDC-T), Harare Province, Shona ethnicity

Minister of Industry and Commerce, Hon Prof. Welshman Ncube, (MDC-M), Bulawayo Province, Ndebele ethnicity

Deputy Minister of Industry and Commerce, Hon Mike Bimha (ZANU-PF), Shona ethnicity

Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs, Hon Patrick Chinamasa (ZANU-PF), Manicaland Province, Makoni District, Shona ethnicity

Deputy Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs, Hon Jessie Majome (MDC-T), Harare Province, Shona ethnicity

Minister of Labour, Hon Paurina Gwanyanya (MDC-T), Shona ethnicity

Deputy Minister of Labour, Hon Tracy Mutinhiri (ZANU-PF), Mashonaland East Province, Marondera District, Shona ethnicity

Minister of Lands and Rural Resettlement, Hon Dr Herbert Murerwa (ZANU-PF), Mashonaland East Province, Goromonzi District, Shona ethnicity

Minister of Local Government, Urban and Rural Development, Hon Ignatius Chombo (ZANU-PF), Mashonaland West Province, Zvimba District, Shona ethnicity

Deputy Minister of Local Government, Urban and Rural Development, Mr. Cecil Zvidzai (MDC-T), Midlands Province, Gweru District, Shona ethnicity

Minister of Media, Information and Publicity, Hon Webster Shamu (ZANU-PF), Mashonaland West Province, Chegutu District, Shona ethnicity

Deputy Minister of Media, Information and Publicity, Hon Jameson Timba (MDC-T), Harare Province, Shona ethnicity

Minister of Mines and Mining Development, Hon Obert Mpofu (ZANU-PF), Matabeleland North Province, Umguza District, Ndebele ethnicity

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Deputy Minister of Mines and Mining Development, Hon Murisi Zwizwai (MDC-T), Harare Province, Shona ethnicity

Minister of Public Service, Hon Prof Eliphas Mukonoweshuro (MDC-T), Masvingo Province, Gutu District, Shona ethnicity

Deputy Minister of Public Service, Hon Andrew Langa (ZANU-PF), Matabeleland South Province, Insiza District, Ndebele ethnicity

Minister of Public Works, Hon Theresa Makone (MDC-T), Harare Province, Shona ethnicity

Deputy Minister of Public Works, Mr. Aguy Georgias (ZANU-PF), Shona ethnicity

Minister of Regional Integration and International Co-operation, Hon Priscilla Misihairabwi-Mushonga (MDC-M), Harare Province, Shona/Ndebele ethnicity

Deputy Minister of Regional Integration and International Co-operation, Hon Reuben Marumahoko (ZANU-PF), Mashonaland West Province, Hurungwe District, Shona ethnicity

Minister of Science and Technology, Hon Prof Heneri Dzinotiwei (MDC-T), Harare Province, Shona ethnicity

Minister of Small and Medium Enterprises and Cooperative Development, Hon Sithembiso Nyoni (ZANU-PF), Matabeleland North Province, Nkayi District, Ndebele ethnicity

Minister of Tourism and Hospitality Industry, Hon Walter Mzembi (ZANU-PF), Masvingo Province, Masingo District, Shona ethnicity

Minister of Transport and Infrastructural Development, Hon Nicholas Goche (ZANU-PF), Mashonaland Central Province, Shamva District, Shona ethnicity

Deputy Minister of Transport and Infrastructural Development, Dr. Tichaona Mudzingwa (MDC-T), Manicaland Province, Buhera District, Shona ethnicity

Minister of Water Resources, Hon Samuel Sipepa Nkomo (MDC-T), Ndebele ethnicity

Minister of Women's Affairs, Gender and Community Development, Dr. Olivia Muchena (ZANU-PF), Mashonaland East Province, Mutoko District, Shona ethnicity

Deputy Minister of Women's Affairs, Gender and Community

Development, Hon Evelyn Masaiti (MDC-T), Harare Province,
Shona ethnicity

Minister of Youth Development, Indigenization and
Empowerment, Hon Saviour Kasukuwere (ZANU-PF), Mashonaland
Central Province, Mt. Darwin District, Shona ethnicity

Deputy Minister of Youth Development, Indigenisation and
Empowerment, Hon Thamsanqa Mahlangu (MDC-T), Bulawayo
Province, Ndebele ethnicity

Minister of State in the President's office, Hon John Nkomo
(ZANU-PF), Matabeleland North Province, Tsholotsho District,
Ndebele ethnicity

Minister of State for Presidential Affairs, Hon Didymus
Mutasa (ZANU-PF), Manicaland Province, Makoni North District,
Shona ethnicity

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Minister of State for National Security in the President's
office, Hon Dr. Sydney Sekeramayi (ZANU-PF), Marondera East
District, Shona ethnicity

Minister of State in Vice President Msika's office, Hon Flora
Bhuka (ZANU-PF), Gokwe District, Shona ethnicity

Minister of State in Vice President Mujuru's office, Hon
Sylvester Nguni (ZANU-PF), Mhondoro District, Shona ethnicity

Minister of State in the Prime Minister's office, Hon Gordon
Moyo (MDC-T) Bulawayo District, Ndebele ethnicity

Minister of State in the Prime Minister's office, Hon Sekai
Holland (MDC-T), Chizhanje District, Shona ethnicity

Minister of State in Deputy Prime Minister Mutambara's
office, Mr. Gibson Sibanda (MDC-M), Nkulumane District,
Ndebele ethnicity

END LIST OF SENIOR ZIMBABWEAN OFFICIALS

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